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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 AFTER FINAL REJECTION
AND DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

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Sir:

The following is being submitted in response to the final Office Action dated 11 August 2006, from Examiner Matthew D. Matzek of Art Unit 1771 in a good faith attempt to place the application in better condition for allowance or appeal.

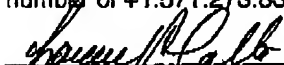
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Inventor's Declaration (37 CFR 1.132) attached to end.

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STATUS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the above-captioned patent application and have been rejected.

EXCESS CLAIMS FEE DUE

Applicant has submitted the fee for twenty-three (23) total claims and four (4) independent claims. This Response results in twenty-two (22) total claims and seven (7) independent claims and excess claims fee is due for these three (3) additional independent claims is being submitted herewith.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

A separate Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 of one (1) month up to and including 11 December 2006 and the appropriate fee under 37 CFR 1.17 is enclosed.